

# PRIMARY RETURNS STRIKINGLY SLOW

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# EARLY FIGURES FAVOR HUGHES

### Former Senator James Smith, Jr., Who Had Active Opposition of Governor Wilson, Running Far Behind—Foss Is Renominated in Massachusetts.

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Newark, N. J., September 24.—In the New Jersey primary election, Governor Woodrow Wilson won a decisive victory. The returns show that Wilson carried the State by a large margin. His opponent, James Smith, Jr., who had been active in opposing Wilson, was defeated. Foss, who had been renominated in Massachusetts, also won. The results in New Jersey were particularly significant, as Wilson had been expected to win by a narrow margin.

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Newark, N. J., September 24.—Returns were strikingly slow from today's statewide primary held by Democrats and Republicans, owing to the late closing of the polls and delay in the count. Only forty-two out of the 1,799 voting districts of the State had been heard from at 11 o'clock to-night. Eight of the districts reported in Essex County, the home of the former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., around whom the fight for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator has centered.

# TROOPS UNDER FIRE

Striking Miners Fire on Soldiers in Martial Law Zone. Charleston, W. Va., September 24.—Events moved rapidly to-day in the big coal strike of West Virginia. The martial law zone was extended to include the town of Mingo Junction. Soldiers were ordered to fire on the miners who were attacking them. The situation is tense and dangerous.

# DEFENSE SCORES HEAVILY

Evidence of Mrs. Rogers Is Admitted in Sneed Case. Amarillo, Texas, September 24.—Counsel for the defense scored heavily in the habeas corpus case for John Beal Sneed, charged with the murder of Al G. Boyce. The defense presented strong evidence that the prosecution's case was weak. The court is expected to rule in favor of the defense.

# CHARGED WITH KILLING TWO

Woman Accused of Killing Two in Chicago. Chicago, September 24.—Dominick Moderski, who is alleged to have killed two women in Chicago, was charged with the murders. The case is being handled by the local authorities. The woman accused is being held in custody.

# OPERATION PROVES FATAL

Dr. Richard Cartwright Gave Life Service to Canada. Kingston, Ontario, September 24.—Dr. Richard Cartwright died to-day, following a surgical operation. He was a prominent physician and had given his life to the service of his country. His death is a great loss to the medical community.

# WILSON'S HOME TO VOTE

Princeton, N. J., September 24.—Governor Woodrow Wilson came home to-day for the first time since he became the Democratic presidential nominee. He was greeted by a large crowd of supporters. The atmosphere was festive and celebratory.

# FAILS TO SEE TAFT

### Governor Wilson Waits for Him at New Jersey Station.

New York, September 24.—Governor Woodrow Wilson waited at the Pennsylvania Railroad station for several minutes this afternoon hoping to pay his respects to President Taft en route to New York from Washington. The Governor, who reached the city from Princeton at 2:45 o'clock, was disappointed when the President's train did not arrive until 3:27. Having an engagement with William McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and later an appointment at national headquarters, the Governor was forced to leave the station before Mr. Taft's arrival.

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# FEDERAL CONTROL URGED

### Adequate System of Levees on Mississippi River Necessary.

Memphis, Tenn., September 24.—That the construction and maintenance of an adequate system of levees along the Mississippi River as the only means of holding the water within bounds is primarily a national problem, was the consensus of opinion of speakers at the first sessions here to-night of the Mississippi Valley Association. Complete Federal control was urged by several speakers. President Taft sent a message to Congress to-day recommending that the Federal Government and the States, and suggested that the needs of the Mississippi Valley during the next few years will be as heavy as to require all of the funds that can be spared from both the national and State treasuries.

# Importance of Deep Waterway.

Little Rock, Ark., September 24.—More important to the people of the United States than the completion of the Panama Canal is the construction of a deep waterway from the Lakes to the Gulf, in the opinion of Lyman E. Cooley, one of the speakers here to-day at the annual session of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway Association. Mr. Cooley is the consulting engineer of the association. He declared the maintenance of a four-foot channel is imperative, but that a depth of twenty-four feet would better serve the interests of the country. Among the other possible benefits to be derived from the waterway, aside from increasing the transportation facilities, the speaker enumerated the carrying off of the spring overflow, water power development, reclamation of thousands of acres of land in the Mississippi Valley and decrease of disease through increased drainage facilities.

# NEW LINE OF INQUIRY

### Did Campaign Contributions Prevent Turnbull's Victory?

Washington, September 24.—An investigation to determine whether campaign contributions had anything to do with the refusal of Congress to re-elect Judge Watson to the Fourth Congressional District, which increased Watson's majority there to 219, or one more than he has previously been credited with, and a report from Sussex that Watson's majority there is four, instead of three, as heretofore published. It was stated in a report received by the Times-Dispatch last night from Watson's sources in the Nashville, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn., areas, that Judge Watson's majority there was 219, instead of 223, giving him a gain of four votes. This was the statement given out from his headquarters last night. He claims only \$43, this giving Watson one more vote.

# AGREEMENT IN SIGHT

### Railways and Their Employees Are Close to Settlement.

Washington, September 24.—An amicable settlement of the controversy which has been pending for several weeks between the railroads and their employees, and their trainmen and conductors on the question of increased wages and better working conditions is expected to-morrow by Judge John A. Knapp, of the United States District Court at St. Louis, who is acting as mediator. The parties to the controversy are the railroads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Conductors. The dispute has been one of the most serious in the country. It has been suggested that the parties to the controversy are the railroads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Conductors. The dispute has been one of the most serious in the country. It has been suggested that the parties to the controversy are the railroads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Conductors.

# COLUMBUS A SPANIARD

### Cuban Scholar Claims He Was Descendant of Christopher Columbus.

New York, September 24.—Dr. Constantino de Horta y Tardo, of Havana, a Cuban scholar of note and a fellow of the Royal Spanish Geographical Society, has written a book to prove that Columbus was a Spaniard, not an Italian. He claims that Columbus was born at Pontevedra, Galicia, Spain, and not at Genoa, Italy. Dr. Horta has gathered mass of documents to prove his contention, and there are now in New York awaiting the consideration of the American Geographical Society and the Hispanic Society. After their examination Dr. Horta proposes to publish the details of his research in a pamphlet, which will be sent to governments, universities and libraries throughout the world. He claims that Columbus was a Spaniard, not an Italian.

# BOTH SIDES STILL CLAIMING VICTORY

### Result in Fourth District Primary Not Yet Settled.

# OFFICIAL COUNT ONLY WILL DECIDE

### Further Returns Serve to Complicate Situation, Figures Indicating a Majority of Less Than Ten Either Way. Possibility of Recount and Contest.

Even in the light of further corrected returns from last Saturday's primary election in the Fourth Congressional District, the result remains in doubt, making it the more certain that the official count will be necessary to decide. Some changes in the original reports have been made from apparently reliable sources, which serve only to complicate the situation still further, if possible. Both candidates still claim victory, but about an equal show to be right. Congressman Turnbull says he is the victor by a majority of six; Judge Watson that he has been nominated by nine to nineteen. The Times-Dispatch figures, which vary slightly, indicate either that Judge Watson has won by two votes or that Mr. Turnbull wins the nomination by a majority of three.

# Corrected Returns from Dinwiddie

yesterday, which gave Watson a majority of 283, instead of 293, as heretofore reported, wiped out his apparent lead of four majority in the district and gave his opponent, Congressman Turnbull, a lead of six votes. But against this there was also a correction in the vote from Powhatan, which increased Watson's majority there to 219, or one more than he has previously been credited with, and a report from Sussex that Watson's majority there is four, instead of three, as heretofore published. It was stated in a report received by the Times-Dispatch last night from Watson's sources in the Nashville, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn., areas, that Judge Watson's majority there was 219, instead of 223, giving him a gain of four votes. This was the statement given out from his headquarters last night. He claims only \$43, this giving Watson one more vote.

# Counting Turnbull as Starting with

six majority, following the correction of the Dinwiddie vote, if the returns received here last night are correct, Watson's majority in the district is 219, instead of 223, giving him a gain of four votes. This was the statement given out from his headquarters last night. He claims only \$43, this giving Watson one more vote.

# There is no dispute as to returns

from the following: Majorities for Watson—Nottoway, 845; Prince George, 32; Lunenburg, 32; Majorities for Turnbull—Greeneville, 17; Mecklenburg, 237; Petersburg, 325; Surrey, 136; Prince Edward, 9.

# On the actual figures in Amelia,

Sussex, Powhatan and Brunswick, in each case, except Amelia, it being a matter of only one vote, hinges the result of the primary. Judge Watson, however, does not concede the Dinwiddie vote, but insists that when the official returns are examined, it will be found he has 293. He makes this statement on the basis of detailed returns by precincts. He thinks County Chairman Rivers is mistaken in his count. If Judge Watson is correct in this assumption, it would seem he may have a majority of two in the district.

# From Turnbull sources at midnight

it is stated that the vote in Amelia resulted in 228 majority for Watson, this result having, it is stated, been confirmed from several reliable sources. The majority in Sussex, it was stated, also was three, as has been published heretofore, instead of four as reported by the Times-Dispatch correspondent last night, and in Powhatan vote was 215, this of course, if correct, and there are no changes in other precincts, means the majority in the district for Turnbull.

# Say Republicans Voted.

The closeness of the votes in the district, giving rise to the expectation of a recount, and possibly of a contest, all sorts of rumors are afloat. Irregularities are stated to have been committed at a good many precincts, which would doubtless figure in a contest. It has been reported that a Republican county chairman in one place voted for Judge Watson, and that a Republican postmaster was a Turnbull judge of election at another point.

# All this may bring up once again

the definition of qualifications of voters in primaries. Under the new Byrd law, the applicant must have voted at the preceding regular election for the nomination of the party in whose name he desires to participate, or, if he did not vote at that election, he must pledge himself to vote for the nominees of the primary in which he offers to take part.

# Willings to Take Pledge.

Republicans in the Fourth District have no objection whatever to pledging themselves to vote for the Democratic nominees for Congress if they are made a choice between Democratic aspirants who are personal friends. In recent years the Republicans of the Fourth have put up no candidate for Congress. In the primary of January, 1910, it was stated that Republicans took part and there was talk of a contest. This was at the primary in which Mr. Turnbull received his first nomination. In Petersburg it is stated, a leading Progressive party man offered to vote last Saturday. He had not voted at